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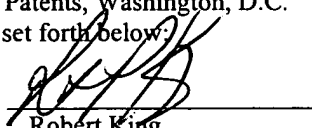
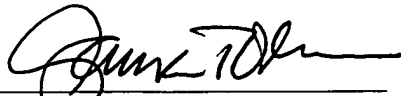
Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/617,720
Entitled: *IL-1L1 Gene and Polypeptide Products*
Filed: July 17, 2000
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced patent application please find the following:

1. Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b);
2. PTO Form 1449;
3. Copies of References ("AA" through "GK"); and
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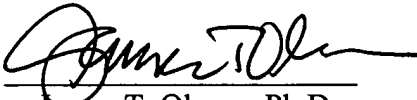
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